1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
			Minorities Welfare				
1	Pre-Examination Coaching for Weaker Sections based on Economic Criteria	-	-	3.34	40	-	-
			Welfare of Handicapped				
1	Assistance to Vol Orgns for the disabled	1.29	40	5.00	140	5.00	127

Funds for Consumer Awareness

2624 SHRI DINSHA PATEL : Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have made full utilisation of the funds allotted for consumer awareness publicity work during the last three years and 1996-97 so far;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government for optimum utilisation of the funds?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV): (a) to (c): Yes, Sir. During the years 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96 the Department of Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution in the Central Government has spent an amount of Rs. 99 lakhs, Rs. 136 lakhs and Rs. 191 lakhs on consumer awareness. In 1996-97, Rs. 42 lakhs has been sanctioned so far for expenditure and the balance amount will be spent during the year.

(d) The Government is already taking a number of measures to utilise these funds. Such measures include preparation of audio/visual mate.ial, printed material in the form of booklets, brochures, posters, etc. in the field of consumer protection. It is also publishing a journal "Upbhokta Jagaran" which disseminates useful information to the consumers.

Inventory Holding in Super Bazar

2625 SHRI JANG BAHADUR SINGH PATEL : Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to refer to the answer given to Unstarred Question No. 710 dated November 26, 1996 regarding inventory holding in Super Bazar and state :

(a) the reasons for such high inventory holding in all the Departments and the action proposed to be taken against the officers responsible for disproportionate purchases than the sales;

(b) whether this has exposed the rampant corruption in the purchase Departments of the Super Bazar;

(c) if so, whether there is any proposal to order an intensive inquiry into the working of the Super Bazar;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV): (a) According to the information furnished by the Super Bazar, Delhi, there is no high inventory holding in the Departments of the Super Bazar. Procurement of goods is made by their Purchase Committee keeping in view their immediate needs and prospective demand.

(b) Super Bazar has informed that no rampant corruption in their purchase has been exposed.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e): Do not arise.

Amnesty International

2626 SHRI HARIN PATHAK : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Amnesty International has made any allegations against India about the tortures made in Jammu and Kashmir and remained silent on the atrocities being committed on the Hindus by the Pak supposed terrorists;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to bring home the facts to the Amnesty International?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) It is a fact that Amnesty International has, from time to time been, reffering to the Ministry of Home Affairs allegations of human rights violations by security forces